

FEATURES

ROTC appoints Larson as 1st women commander

by Ann L. Baldelli

In December 1976 St. Michael's College AFROTC 86-5th detachment appointed its first woman to the position of corps commander.

Cadet Colonel Patricia M. Larson, 21, a senior business major at the college, will fill the corps commander position for the present spring semester.

As corps commander, Larson is responsible for the appearance, discipline, efficiency and training of the ROTC students in her detachment. She is also responsible for the leadership lab which is conducted once each week. Larson emphasized that "cadets must be trained properly in order to develop leadership abilities which will enable them to perform effectively as officers when they enter the Air Force for active duty."

Larson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Larson of Westford, Vermont (her father is director of personnel and the physical plant manager at St. Michael's College). She is the oldest of nine children and has been a member of ROTC for the past four years.

"I'm an Air Force brat," Larson said, "that's probably how I first became interested in ROTC." Larson's father was an Air Force man and she explained that this is all that is required to be labeled a "brat." Larson has always been interested in traveling and therefore the travel opportunities offered by ROTC were another key to her enrollment in the program.

Besides being involved in ROTC, Larson was also a cheerleader and works part time

at Grossman's Lumber Company. Because of these and other outside involvements, Larson explained that she has never been totally involved in ROTC. "I maintained a more passive role in the program," Larson said, "which is something that one can do. Some cadets are extremely active, and some are not. At the end we all become Air Force officers at the same 2nd lieutenant rank."

Women today are taking a more active role in the St. Michael's College ROTC program, Larson said. "We are accepted as individuals and not as men or women," she explained. "There are a lot of opportunities open to us (women), we've just got to show the initiative in order to reap their benefits."

Larson explained that as time goes on women are being more and more accepted by the Air Force and as a result, more women are joining. "I find that we have to work together as a team to succeed in ROTC," Larson said, "there is no room for discrimination." She continued, "The distinctive feature of the corps is that there is a group unity aimed at an end objective."

As corps commander, Larson has had to put into practice many of the leadership skills that she has studied. "Since my appointment in December of 1976 I have gained a lot of useful experience," Larson said, "I think I can now be more effective as an Air Force officer."

Upon graduation, Larson will be commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant. She hopes to enter the Air Force in December, working

either in finance or in space systems analysis. Larson has requested that her active duty be in the south or west, either McDill AFB in Florida or George AFB in California.

"I've been in Vermont for nine years," Larson said, "and it's time to get into the sun." She has also requested an overseas assignment in Germany.

Larson will know exactly where she is going and what she is doing when the Air Force lets her know, which she explained can be at any time.

On whether the Air Force was going to be her career, Larson answered, "I want to travel with the Air Force, but as far as my future is concerned, I am open. I guess I'll have to see how the next four years go and then make a decision."

Creative works in short fiction and poetry and research papers in literature, natural science, and social science are being accepted for consideration. A selection committee composed of faculty members from several colleges will notify the students whose works are selected for presentation.

Script deadline nears for student symposium

Thursday marks the deadline for the submission of manuscripts to be considered in the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences 1977 Intercollegiate Student Symposium.

This year's symposium will be held April 23 at Castleton State College.

An annual event, the symposium offers students from any college or university in Vermont an opportunity to show their interest and ability in a variety of academic fields. The first symposium was held 12 years ago at Castleton State College, also on April 23.

Individual entries should be sent directly to the following panel chairmen: natural science

papers, Professor Alfred Ramponi, Castleton State College; social science, Professor George Olgay, St. Michael's College; literary criticism, Professor Robert Cochran, University of Vermont; short fiction, Professor John Claggett, Middlebury College, and poetry, Professor Thomas Smith, Castleton State College.

At the symposium, each work will be discussed and several outstanding ones will be selected for publication in the academy's publication, *Occasional Paper*. The names of all symposium contributors will be listed in the book and the academy will award certificates of recognition to all students whose works are presented.

Castleton State College Professor of English Dr. Theodore Steele is serving as chairman for this year's event. More details about the symposium can be obtained by writing to Steele at Castleton State College.

Dr. Cannon chosen speaker for 1977 Parents' Weekend

by Nancy Morin

Dr. Ellen Cannon is the scheduled speaker for the Parents' Weekend banquet on Saturday night, April 29. The banquet will be in Ross Sports Center.

A dance will follow in the North Campus gym. Mixers and snacks will be provided. The band will play both rock and contemporary selections.

Open classes on Friday will begin the weekend, along with a wine and cheese party for the Biology Society and Political Science Club members and their parents.

The Fine Arts Department will present "Babes in Arms" one night, there will be two performances, Friday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

For the sports-minded, there will be lacrosse games Friday and Sunday afternoons.

Saturday offers the widest variety of activities. There will be an arts and crafts fair in Alliot Hall. Local merchants will sell jewelry, ceramics, silk screens and candles.

Academic presentations can be seen from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Alliot, Science and Jemery Halls. Other presentations will include a fire and rescue exhibition, a water ballet, a parade by the ROTC, wind

ensemble concert, and the Glee Club and Chorale concert.

Sunday will conclude the weekend with mass and brunch. A ballet class exhibition will take place later in the afternoon.

Anyone interested in working on Parents' Weekend should contact Viviane Kennedy, Dennis Meighan, or any committee chairperson.

Sue Schmitt and Steve Meleski are in charge of meals; Tim Hayden and Leslie Serling, Saturday activities; Ann Akey, registration; Kathy Messner and Rick May, dance; and Pat Devan and Paul Galbraith, church and the play.

Springsteen captivates audience

by Neil E. Callahan

There's not too much one can say about Bruce Springsteen that has not already been said.

On stage, Springsteen and the entire E Street Band are a non-stop, high energy group of excellent musicians. Springsteen's exceptional songwriting and singing, Clarence Clemon's rowdy saxophone and Miami Steve Van Zandt's guitar work combined to bring the house down at Providence College.

The small arena was a good place to see Springsteen. His running and leaping around on stage invited the entire audience to partake in the party the band was throwing.

The music began with "Night" from the album "Born to Run." "For You" followed a new song and by then most of the crowd was up shouting its approval. "Backstreet," "Jungleland," "Growin' Up," "Thunder Road," and "She's the One" followed, to name a few. Four new songs were mixed into the set and sounded as good as his older material.

Springsteen classic "Rosalita"

closed out the night. A stretcher was brought out in jest to carry him off the stage as the music ended. An encore of "Born to Run" and a mellow new piano-keyboard duet with Roy Bittan rounded out the show after a good two hours.

I find it amazing that

'Rocky' battles Deep Throat

by Matthew E. Probert

The Academy Awards to be presented Monday will bring out the tinsel and glamour of Hollywood.

The awards, like the Olympics, have become extravaganzas for the public. But like the Olympics, there are people competing with work they have worked hard on. Competition is strong, contrary to popular belief.

The movies this year have been few and far between. Two good films are "All The President's Men" and "Rocky."

Costs of making a film are skyrocketing and if not changed they will be as expensive as a Broadway ticket. The business is gloomy now, but with "Rocky"

Springsteen can continue this high-energy show night after night in city after city. At the conclusion of this tour he definitely deserves a long vacation. The Jersey shore has indeed produced a superstar in the true sense of the word.

and other new talents on the horizon, Hollywood can again be the "Dream Factory" it once was.

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Netmen await initial match

The St. Michael's varsity tennis team, after a long period of intensive preparation, is awaiting its first match against Middlebury College March 20.

The team, coached by Dr. Frank Clary, has been involved in daily practice sessions since the start of the second semester. These sessions are devoted to a combination of conditioning and game practice. A large part of the pre-season practice schedule has also been spent cutting the team down to a practical number, a task made difficult due to the large number of players who tried out for the team, most of whom can play on the varsity level.

It is comprised of 12 players, with an equal split between upper-classmen and lower-classmen. Team Captain Rob

Pratt, Peter Lefebre, Rick Reilly and Mike Slifka are the seniors on the team, along with junior Mark Weiss and sophomore Paul Deering are the remaining members of last year's 7 wins 1 loss team.

Newcomers on this year's squad include junior Fernando Lopez, the first foreign student in recent years to play on the team, sophomore Tucker Scott, and freshman Mark Casey, Steve Houlihan, Matt Collins, and John Chamberlain. All of the newcomers have played competitively in practice sessions, with Mark Casey and Tucker Scott being particularly impressive.

As of this week, the singles players include Rob Pratt, Paul Deering, Mark Weiss, Pete Lefebre, Mark Casey, and Mike

Slifka. Clary also intends to field a group of strong doubles teams, with Pratt-Casey, Reilly-Collins, Scott-Lopez, and Deering-Weiss, all showing strong signs of competitiveness in practice sessions.

The team has been slightly hampered by the lack of outdoor practice time due to the weather, but it has been making good use of the indoor court located in the Ross Sports Center. The varsity schedule will begin shortly after the spring break, with matches against Middlebury, UVM, Lyndon State, Siena, Keene State, and an invitational tournament at Adirondack College.

All home matches will be played on the courts across from Alumni and Ryan Hall, weather permitting.

Intramurals suffer due to lack of interest

by John Moran III

Zafir Bludevich, St. Michael's intramural director and trainer, said participation was "slacking off" in the programs he put together for this semester.

Bludevich said, "The increased forfeits in the intramural program have been very disheartening, both to myself and the teams that show up to play." He went on to add that the men's program in particular was suffering from a lack of interest.

When asked about a possible refereeing problem in any of the sports, Bludevich said, "Everyone gives them grief, yet nobody wants to do it." He added that he is still in need of referees and if he had a few more, it would help, since the crew he now has is extremely overworked.

He said that after a game, teams must fill out the score sheet, so he will be able to keep

accurate records of players and standings.

Bludevich is also adding a few more sports programs to intramurals this semester to arouse some new enthusiasm. A water polo house league and an archery contest will be held in the near future. Bludevich believes last year's experiment with water polo "worked out pretty well," and he has started league play.

Archery will be this year's experiment with the competition consisting of 50 arrows a person in three-man teams, from a distance of 20 feet. Neither of these programs will be co-ed, but men and women will compete separately for house points.

New on the sports scene this semester is the contingent of the foreign students (IS House). Bludevich said they were doing "exceptionally well" in the sports they entered. They plan to take part in softball in the spring, he added.

What is lacrosse, one asks?

by Mike Donahue

What is lacrosse and what is it doing on St. Michael's campus?

Many know exactly what lacrosse is but some might answer that lacrosse is the big metal structure dedicated to Father Dupont in the middle of lacampus.

To the uninitiated, according to Webster, the word means: la•crosse (le-kros') m. [fr la, the t crosse, crutch] a ball game played by two teams using long-handled webbed rackets.

A further, oversimplified, definition of the game would be that lacrosse is similar to ice hockey. There is a goal at each end of the field, protected by a goalie. There are ten men running around with sticks in their hands trying to gain possession of a little round ball. When one has possession of the ball, one tries to put it in the opposition's goal. The opposition does all in its power to prevent this. The team with the most goals wins.

Additionally, a more detailed definition would be that a lacrosse field is slightly bigger than a football field. Its dimensions are 110 yards by 60 yards.

Ten players constitute a full team. They are designated as goalie, close defense referred to as point, cover point and first defense, midfield referred to as right wing, center and left wing, and close attack referred to as inside home, outside home and first attack. There is unlimited substitution.

Usually two officials work a game but as many as four can be employed. They are the referee, umpire, field judge and timekeeper.

Games are divided into two halves with four 15-minute periods. Halftime lasts ten minutes and there is a two-minute break between each period. Teams switch ends of the field at the end of each period.

Play is started at the beginning

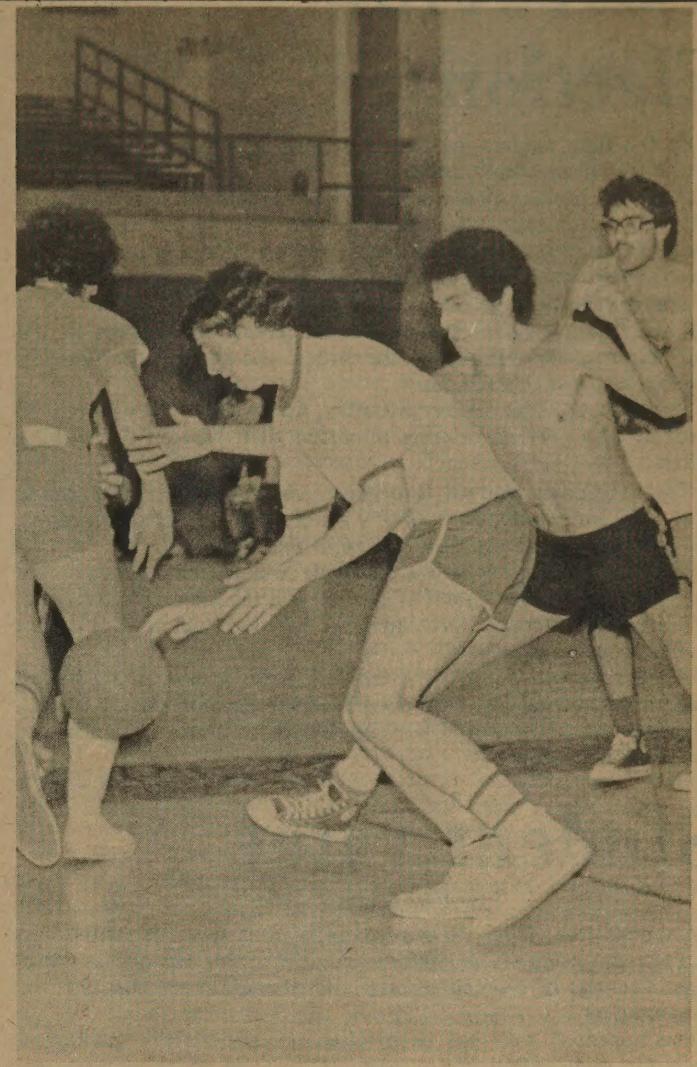
of each period and after each goal by facing the ball at the center of the field.

An overtime period is started by a face off. After four minutes the teams change goals. If after the first overtime the teams are still deadlocked, they flip a coin to determine which goal to defend and keep flip-flopping goals at four minute intervals until a goal is scored.

Above is a description of what has been called the fastest game on foot. Now, what is lacrosse doing on St. Michael's Campus?

For one thing they are raffling off a Siberian husky pup, donated by John Trotter March 30. Tickets are 25 cents apiece with a book of five selling for \$1.

They are also busily preparing for their first game which will be held April 1 at Saint Anselm's at 3:30 p.m. After the St. Anselm's encounter, the Michaelmen return home for an April 2 scrimmage against Castleton at 2 p.m.



Intramural bowling

Zeta House and the International House battle it out in intramural action Tuesday. Zeta won, 58-37. Photo by Steve Kunz.

Sports Schedules

	April:		
	Wed., 20th	Baseball vs. Johnson (2)	Home 1:00
		Tennis vs. Middlebury "B"	Away 3:00
		Lacrosse vs. UVM	Away 4:00
		Softball vs. UVM	Home 4:00
		Softball vs. Green Mt. (2)	Home 3:00
		Lacrosse vs. Norwich	Away 3:00
		Baseball vs. Middlebury	Away 2:00
		Tennis vs. Adirondack C.C.	12:00 noon
		Baseball vs. Norwich (2)	Home 1:00
		Tennis vs. Keene St.	Home 1:00
		Lacrosse vs. Keene St.	Away 3:00
		Tennis vs. Lyndon St.	Away 1:30
		Softball vs. Vt. College	Home 4:00
		Lacrosse vs. Middlebury	Away 3:00
		Track - State Meet	
		Baseball vs. St. Lawrence (2)	Home 1:00
		Tennis vs. UVM	Home 1:00
		Track - UVM State Meet	
		Softball vs. UVM	Away 4:00
		Lacrosse vs. Hawthorne	Home 3:00
		Lacrosse vs. Maine	Home 3:00

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Editorial Elections

By the time readers get this issue, the Senate and class officer elections will have been decided.

However, in the process, students were denied the opportunity to fully know each candidate and the position that person represented. Because the campaign period was scheduled for a week when no *Michaelman* would be published, candidates have had to rely on posters and fliers to get their message across.

It thus became a contest of who could get the most posters up, the most fliers passed out and whose name could be most prominently displayed across the campus.

At the candidates forum Monday, attended by only about 50 students, the persons running discussed their reasons for seeking office.

The candidates pledged to organize social activities to promote unity. No candidate discussed any academic aspect of this campus. No candidate discussed problems with the faculty.

While a fun senior week and a notable commencement speaker are important, so is the content of courses and the focus of the college. While unity and communication make for good slogans, they do not address specific problems.

Apparently, it doesn't matter much. If it did, the Student Association would not have scheduled the election during a week when the electorate would be hard-pressed to know the candidates and their platforms.

—CVB

Student value

by Bernadette Kenney

Although the disheartening charades that have occurred this semester may seem to have diminished, irreparable damage has been done. Feelings of disenchantment and alienation are still alive in many students.

The approach that has been taken to enhance the quality of education and student life on campus has undoubtedly failed. An overwhelming circumstance must be presented to the student body to regain confidence.

It is seemingly evident that the viability of the institution has come to rely on the permanence of its employees. The students have somehow been misplaced and labeled as temporary. This attitude must be relinquished.

Perhaps in many instances it is inevitable for students to be regarded as pieces of paper that in five years can be discarded. But, students cannot accept such an impersonal disposition in the reality of their own lives and must be convinced otherwise.

Students view themselves as individuals with something to offer. It should be the job of the administration and the faculty to support that image and protect it from destruction.

The school and its policies must exist for the students. For as long as the students are regarded as transitory, disenchantment will persist. It is the students that make an institution and it is their fortitude and vitality that keeps the institution from virtually breaking down.

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each and every person at St. Michael's for their support and help during my recent confrontation. The feeling that I received from the people here was at times overwhelming. What can I say other than I am proud to be a part of this community as it has existed in the past.

It is the future that worries me the most. I feel the ground shaking under St. Michael's and I'm not sure that the changes that will come out of these tremors will be for the best interest of the students. I'm afraid that the St. Michael's we spent four years working at and enjoying is fading into the past.

I have come to realize that this school is being administered for the administration. Because the students are the most transient sector of this college they have the least amount of importance and influence in policy making. In contrast, the alumni is considered the most permanent and important in this institution. It seems peculiar that this concept has just surfaced in the past three months. I'm sorry, but this situation just doesn't seem to fit into why I thought this school existed.

Someone might say I sound bitter. Well, I think I have good reason to be. I have been a student here for four years and have been a member of the

residence hall staff for the past three years. You could say I am a product of the system that has evolved here at St. Michael's, but more importantly, I feel that I have had an important input into that system. I've seen a lot of changes and growth in those three years and have been proud to be a part of them.

I am suddenly thrown into a situation where I no longer feel that I have any importance here. I only hope that the issues I have raised in the past will not be forgotten and the students here will remember and demand to be the valuable resource that they are.

Sincerely yours,
Michael P. Smith

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on "Winter Weekend 1977" at SMC. I don't think the problem lies, as Social Chairman Bednarz claims, with student apathy, or with the lack of communication. There was more than enough publicity for the weekend. This I know for a fact, because I helped Ann Ferland, the communications chairman, make the posters for the winter weekend activities. She was given the information to publicize on the Tuesday before the weekend.

The posters were made Tuesday afternoon and put up around campus that same evening. Thus the students on campus were informed of the weekend only four days before the event occurred. This indicates to me that the whole weekend was not sufficiently planned in advance, and the activities were weak at best.

Winter Weekend '77 did not compare with last year's Winter Weekend. This I know, because I was a member of the social committee last year. If Mike Bednarz

wanted a successful winter weekend he should have put some work into it, and get the information out in adequate time for people to plan on attending. This is especially true for an event like a costume dance, which requires time to get a costume together. So, Mr. Bednarz, before trying to put all the blame on everyone else for the failure of the weekend, why not start with yourself?

Sincerely,
Patty Mascis

Dear Editor:

In response to Mr. Mullen: in 1973 and 1974, Professor Clary and I offered our assistance to any staff writer on the *Michaelman*. We were willing to proof read and correct articles submitted for publication. But no one took us up on it. This year the English Department is sponsoring a writing clinic, which is held in Alliot 207 between the hours of one and five, Mondays through Thursdays. It is staffed by qualified English majors, and is open to any student who is doing losing battle with syntax. Professor Clary and I regretfully decline Mr. Mullen's invitation to visit him in his rooms, because we are at those respective ages when making house calls tends to tax us beyond recuperation.

In response to Ms. Laissie: because faculty salaries have for

years been maintained at such levels as to constitute a subsidization of students at colleges such as this one, I find it possible to resent being refused by those same students even the most minor of gratifications, in this case the yearbook.

Now, having said that, I must add that the yearbook is a great self-indulgence on the part of the student body. It enjoys a budget of obscene proportions, considering the social context of the times. I think a small budget should be provided to prevent its publication, so that students may avoid the spasms of pain and self-irony that will inevitably arise on that evening, twenty years from now, when they, martinis in hand, say to their guests at two a.m.: "Listen, I'll be back in a minute, I just want to get out the old year book and

show you what it was like when I had hair . . ." Similarly, class reunions should be made illegal.

I objected to the color picture of chairpersons, because I know the real-life colors of these persons, and would like to forget, if possible, and not have them made permanent and inescapable.

If a \$10 charge is too much for you to pay for the use of my picture, how about \$1.50?

Your staff lensmen are good guys.

Last of all, one of the main problems with this place is that my peers are always understanding and positively endorsing everything. It's how they begin most of their sentences, now that I think of it.

Sincerely,
John Engels, M.F.A.

Dear Editor,

I would like to inform the students of some recent developments on the renovation of Alliot Hall. The Ad-Hoc Committee has met several times to discuss various possibilities for the new student center. However, since it will be the student center, we need students' ideas and opinions. It is up to the students to create the kind of student center that they want. A lot of people have some very strong feelings about the new

student center, so now is the time to voice them.

The Ad-Hoc Committee has bandied about a few general ideas, but the proposals are far from definite. First, the bookstore may be moved from Alliot to the basement of either Joyce or Alumni Hall. A portion of the bookstore in the form of a "novelty shop" would remain in Alliot, selling items such as candy, cigarettes, newspapers, and toiletries. A circular fireplace has been suggested, as well as some

fine decorating ideas (drapes, rugs, murals). Also, the possibility of a revolving door has been mentioned.

There is a lot of room for suggestions as you can well see. If you have any ideas or comments, get in touch with Tom Payne or myself or drop a note off at p.o. box 365. We need student input to make the new student center a success. So let's hear from you.

Sincerely,
Gerry McInerney

Dear Editor,

I just want to congratulate all the people who slaved over the planning, construction and finally the finishing of the new "Ready Room" behind St. Edmund's

Everyone involved did a fantastic job and the high quality of the building shows it.

Thank you very much for giving the school, and especially the Rescue Squad, just one more

project to be proud of.

Sincerely,
Rolly Charest
P.S.—Mr. Sutton, if you put nicer beds over there I might even try out for the Squad!

Op Ed: The college community writes in

Dear Editor:

This year we are serving as your representatives to the National Alumni Board of Directors. It has truly been an enjoyable, learning experience. The Board meetings have given us insight into the future plans for St. Michael's. The alumni-sponsored prospective freshman/parent get-togethers have provided an opportunity for us and many of you to take an active part in the Alumni Association. Along with this

program, an Alumni Admissions Program is in the making and should offer the opportunity for further young alumni participation. Recently, we have been given the task of deciding how the Alumni Association can best serve the students presently at St. Michael's. We would appreciate any comments and suggestions as to how we could best serve you.

We would like to remind you that St. Michael's Alumni are all over the world. Perhaps the way

we could help you most is in the area of jobs and/or continued educational possibilities (i.e., veterinary medicine, psychobiology). If you are looking for a summer job or are graduating this May please see Rit DiVenere and look into the possibilities of applying for positions in which St. Michael's graduates will be considering applications.

Sincerely,
Mary Moriarty
Tom Picone

Guest Opinion

This, that and the other thing

by Habib Rathle

These past few weeks I've been increasingly dissatisfied with the *Michaelman*, finding that its greatest shortcoming is its lack of interest, its lack of content. Most of the articles are information about student life, but a good part of these are not appealing, not to say remote to the students' concerns.

I would have liked to see articles about cultural events, private opinions on topics of current national or international interest, short stories about anything (for instance the story on John Trotter). Unfortunately, a good part of the *Michaelman* is devoted to trying to find the best place to put a keg . . .

So I was increasingly tempted lately to send a critical letter to the editor (containing essentially what I said in the preceding lines), but I gave up the idea because critics have no value if they are not followed by something constructive. Obviously enough, it is up to the students to fill the *Michaelman* with good articles; so I decided that, instead of just criticizing, I would try to improve things by giving a modest contribution. The point was to find something interesting enough to remedy the chronic lack of interest in the paper. I finally found something that acted like a trigger, like a catalyst, and I felt compelled to write about it.

It is just a few comments about the movie, "Network." Well, first of all, it's a great movie, a superb movie from the beginning to the end, as strong as a punch of Muhammad Ali's. Very briefly, the story is that of a newsman of a bankrupt TV network who announces that he is going to commit suicide on the air. He is immediately exploited by his bosses and is turned to a latter-day prophet, thus changing the financial situation of the network from deficit to high gains.

Peter Finch plays the manipulated prophet in a simply terrific way.

Faye Dunaway plays an opportunist woman obsessed by her job in the network and incapable of thinking of anything else.

There are a few sequences that are exceptionally evocative: one occurs when all the people in a big building go to their windows and start shouting, "I'm not gonna take this anymore."

There is a very good shot showing progressively larger and

larger parts of the building, culminating with an image that strongly symbolizes the mad life of the city, with all the people living in cages, one on top of the other.

Another great sequence occurs when Dunaway and a colleague are having an affair, and while making love, she keeps on talking about shares, scripts and shows.

One can find a lot of references that are appropriate for sociological reflection (I'm influenced by the introductory sociology course I'm taking): a whole panoply of deviants, the occult presence of a bureaucracy that reduces people to "humanoids," is the difference in background.

One last thing to draw the viewer's or prospective viewer's attention to is the passage when the prophet talks about corporations and mentions a few things about Arabs which are, to say the least, tendentious.

In essence, he is saying that the Arabs are putting a horrible Machiavellian plan in practice by buying shares in American companies, thus attempting to control America economically and reduce the Americans to sub-humans or slaves. I am deeply saddened by this tendentious and wholly untrue suggestion, which I consider part of the pro-Israeli propaganda that actively submerges this country as well as Western Europe.

Concerning this matter of Arab investments in the United States, it is worth mentioning a simple economical fact that has already been said (but not loudly enough), by both American and Arab officials. One does not have to be a business major to understand it: the American people are paying a hell of a lot of money to the Arabs for buying their oil. The Arabs, in turn, following the American example of always making more and more money, are investing it in the United States and thus helping the American economy by providing it with badly-needed capital.

If the Americans are suspicious of the Arab money Arabs will simply invest the money elsewhere. For example, the Arabs will buy German instead of American cars, they will turn to European or Japanese technology to develop their countries, and so on, thus making the Americans the only losers.

During the six months I've been here, I have noticed among

American students a deep lack of knowledge of anything that is outside the United States. And when there is some knowledge, it is mostly stereotypes or preconceived judgments (which, needless to say, are completely wrong).

I do not know if this is due to the American educational system that does not put emphasis enough on the history and geography of the world, or to the students' apathy, or to the biased media, or to all three.

Anyway, this is not the point. The point is that Arabs are not making a horrible plot to asphyxiate the American economy. Arabs simply want to be friends with the United States and want to be treated as such, not as backward subhumans dominated by the "civilized" and "developed" countries.

True, the Arabs are still way behind the United States in terms of technological development (due to several centuries of foreign domination), but they are rapidly progressing, and, in case one does not know, they basically value the same ideals as the Americans: justice, freedom, and money.

So please beware of generalizations and stereotypes; one will find good Arabs and bad Arabs just as there are good Americans and bad Americans.

I think that the American students at St. Michael's have a unique opportunity to know the outside world, because, in a way, the outside world comes to them (in the person of the foreign students) instead of them having to go out and find it. The foreign students are a great source of knowledge that could complement and expand that knowledge acquired from books.

Both the foreign and the American students could benefit from relations between themselves, the former by practicing their English and getting acquainted with the American culture, the latter by broadening their horizon and having an idea of what the world is. Although America is large, it is not everything. I do not imply that there is currently no relation at all between American and foreign students, this is far from true. But it would be good for everybody if the contacts increased.

One way to do this would be, for next year, to spread the foreign students over all the dormitories instead of concentrating approximately half of them in Ryan Hall.

This is St. Michael's

by John Acton

Ahh, St. Michael's College, that home away from home. Where students are students and teachers are teachers and no one confuses the two.

The school on top of the hill with its buildings made of brick and all the tea in China couldn't get ivy to grow on one of them. But this is St. Michael's and no one really makes a fuss whether the ivy grows or not. For the students didn't come here for the ivy on the buildings, they came for the snow on the ground, which they usually get.

Yes, this is St. Michael's, where the students enter as freshmen ready to challenge the world. Their intelligent wit versus course requirements and when the year is over the ones who made it congratulate themselves handsomely. The ones who don't, aren't usually heard.

The second year is more of a reunion, to see who returned and who did not. And the party is picked up where it was left off the year before. Upperclassmen are consulted for information on the right courses to take and the right courses to avoid. But for the most part, it is an easy-going year, senior year still seems decades away.

Now it is junior year and it seems that the first two years went by a little too fast. To the juniors they would like someone to hit the brakes, for if the first two years went by that fast, the last two will go by even more quickly. To some, requirements still have to be taken and by now a commitment has been made in at least one field. But juniors are upperclassmen so a pride is felt, they have almost mastered the system and are being sought after by underclassmen who are anxious to learn the ups and downs of college life.

Before one can say Ticonderoga, if one can say Ticonderoga, it is senior year — the year that has been envied since the beginning of the whole ordeal. For now the system has been concurred and the seniors are sometimes seen laughing to themselves as they watch underclassmen panic before taking a test. Senior year, the year that is most memorable, the year that is the quickest of the four. It is this year that friendships are sealed over long hours of conversation that do not necessarily involve a sudsy beverage.

Oh yes, this is St. Michael's, that home away from home. And as Dorothy said in "The Wizard of Oz," "Oh, Auntie Em, there is no place like home!"

By popular request: 'America the Beautiful'

By George Mendillo

As far as the musical quality of "The Star-Spangled Banner" is concerned, there are many arguments against its being continued as the national anthem.

After conducting a survey of students at St. Michael's it would be safe to say that the majority opinion is in favor of switching the national anthem to "America the Beautiful."

Here are a few results of the survey and the reasons for choosing either "America the Beautiful" or "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Bob Dacey: I think it should be "America the Beautiful" because it is shorter and one can get to the start of the ballgame quicker.

Jim Fay: This question has to be the most asinine question I have heard in my whole life. Don't you (the *Michaelman*) think there are more important things to talk about than this?

Kevin Parker: It should be "America the Beautiful" because more people know the words and because it is more descriptive of America.

Mike Seguljic: "America the Beautiful" tells more about the country. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was relevant when it was written, but "America the Beautiful" still has meaning.

Jeff Chisholm: "The Star-

"Spangled Banner" should be the national anthem because it was written to be so it should remain that way.

Don Palmateer: "America the Beautiful" is more relevant than "The Star-Spangled Banner" which describes one event in time.

Matt Probert: I think it should be "God Bless America" because it is more inspirational and expressive of America.

Dave Monahan: I DON'T CARE!

Simon Tuma: The college paper should limit its article to issues pertaining to the college.

Rich Zocharkow: "America the Beautiful" because it sets an ideal for Americans to reach. It also symbolizes what this country should be.

Pat Malone: "America the Beautiful" describes the country better.

Fran Vachon: "America the Beautiful" symbolizes more of what America is about. "The Star-Spangled Banner" is too much of a war song.

Matt Collins: I think "America the Beautiful" discusses the country and the land more than "The Star-Spangled Banner."

John Madden: It should be "America the Beautiful" because it tells more about the country. "The Star-Spangled Banner" simply tells about a fort being bombed.

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Onion River aids student writers

by Alexia L. Sullivan

There is a growing national concern among colleges and universities about the lack of encouragement for writers.

St. Michael's offers students opportunities to publish their work through outlets such as *The Michaelman*, *the Shield* and the *Onion River Review*.

The *Onion River Review* ran out of money after financing its first edition for the current school year. Editor Gary Kastal believes this happened because the Student Association allotted the literary magazine only enough money to publish one good issue.

At the beginning of the 1976-77 school year, the magazine was allotted \$1,000. This amount was given on the condition that the magazine be improved from past years' editions.

The fall edition contained more individuals' work and featured a more formal format. An attempt was made to improve the quality and appearance of the magazine.

The staff went back to the S.A. and asked for additional funds to subsidize the cost of a second issue. Each copy of the magazine is estimated at \$1 to publish. The S.A. could not budget further money so the staff directed its request to President Edward L. Henry.

"I think the money that was spent on the first edition was well worth the investment," Kastal said. "The O.R.R. gives the creative element on campus a legitimate and respectable format for works to be presented."

"The magazine serves as a stimulant for students to write creatively," Henry said. "I believe the money spent on the magazine is a good investment if

we turn out even one good writer in each class."

More people are contributing to the magazine this year. Contrary to popular belief, the magazine is open to anyone wishing to submit poems, artwork, short stories and photographs. It is not designated specifically for English majors, nor is it an extension of the English Department.

Henry has given the Review approximately \$400 to \$500. This was made possible through a small contingency fund. He agreed to finance the upcoming edition because of the need for a literary outlet on campus.

The next issue will be completed by mid-April. Cuts will be made on the number of pages and copies available to the student body, faculty and administration.

Asked whether the magazine can compete with other quality college and university magazines, Kastal said he believes it can. His reason is that the Review is regarded as a highly professional literary work.

Henry added, "The magazine can compete with others if we invest a moderate amount in it." He also said, "If we decide we are committed to good writing, we first must give students an outlet to exercise their talents. Secondly comes the competition for prizes."

The future of the magazine is undecided. Next year it will not be included in the S.A. budget. One thought is to include it in the English Department budget.

"St. Michael's ought to become a college known for fine writing," Henry said. "One of the most important skills a student can take from here with him or her is good writing."

Christian house formed; Open to student body

A Center for Christian Living will be established on Dalton Drive next fall. The center is being established with the intention of providing an alternative living situation for students.

The center will consist of two houses, one for men and one for women. Each house will accommodate 13 residents. The Rev. Stephen Hornat will be the director for the center and will reside in the men's house.

The center will elect a student governing board which will be responsible for implementing house policy and house activities. It will offer to students a reflective community-oriented environment, an environment of sharing, respect and concern for one another.

The center's activities and life style will reflect the importance of living according to Christian values. The center's purpose is to assist students in reaching a mature understanding of their Christian commitment and a living of that commitment with one another.

It will provide social, educational, and liturgical activities to which all students will be welcomed. A lounge, chapel

and study room will be available to students who desire a place to relax, pray and study.

Anyone who is interested in living at the center is asked to see Fr. Hornat Monday in Alliot 107.

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Improved student lifestyles goal of new campus group

by Mary Henry

Are you happy at Saint Michael's? Do you feel there are some serious problems affecting your life which have gone unattended? Would you like to do something about it?

If so, one can join the small group of students and faculty that have been meeting recently to discuss questions concerning students' lifestyles.

The meetings began with students exchanging complaints about life at the college. The suggestion was made that, "Maybe we should do something about it instead of just complaining." A group was then formed to review the various questions pertaining to student life. This group is called the Concerned Individuals for Action (CIA) and is made up of students and faculty who see a need for improvement in the way things are done at this school.

The group has met several times and among discussed topics are: the lack of student

faculty interaction outside the classroom, the poor living conditions in the dorms, widespread cheating, student apathy and reluctance to take part in activities, the lack of communication on campus, and alcohol's ever-increasing importance in student gatherings.

In discussing student life, it was noted that many students are leaving Saint Michael's. One reason for this phenomenon is the chaotic living conditions in the dorms. Those who prefer to study and sleep while the walls shake could live in dorms designated as "less quiet." The reorganization of dorm life is an area of great concern to members of the college community and a primary goal of the CIA.

Suggestions have been made for improving student-faculty interactions. It is believed that this might improve the academic atmosphere of the community and stimulate intellectual dialogue. Ideas include: tete-a-tete luncheons with students and faculty either in the main

cafeteria or somewhere more comfortable, or informal discussions in the dorms on topics of interest to students.

Other problems facing students and the CIA involve communications. Lack of publicity is believed to be partly responsible for the poor turnouts at student events. Beyond communication, the students at St. Michael's are confronted with the apathy which prevails on campus and the fact that alcohol is often the common denominator between students.

Most students are aware of these problems and can often be heard grumbling about them, but no one ever does anything. The CIA is a step toward positive action, but there is the possibility of the few doing the work for the many. It wants help and ideas.

The next meeting of the CIA will be Thursday, 8 p.m. in the Pope John room of the library.

Smith to address May grads

by Berni Kenney
Features Editor

After all the controversy that has been generated by the selection of the 1977 graduation speaker, President Edward L. Henry remains confident and satisfied with the final choice.

Margaret Chase Smith, former senator from Maine, was selected to speak at graduation by a four-member committee. The committee members were Henry, senior class president Kathy Sweeten and two additional students from the senior class.

Henry became acquainted with Smith in 1974. They met at St. Mary's at Notre Dame while she was visiting as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. Henry was very impressed with her adeptness and stressed that his "experience with her has been very good."

Presently residing in Skowhegan, Maine, Smith began her career as a teacher in the northern New England state. She later worked as a newspaper

reporter and business woman. Aside from winning many national awards and receiving a number of honorary degrees, Smith was proposed for the Republican presidential nomination in 1964.

Smith was elected to the senate for the first time in 1948 and was re-elected to office three times thereafter. Henry believes Smith is "a senior statesman of the caliber of George Aiken," a renowned former senator from Vermont.

Smith's political career climaxed amidst the mid-twentieth century attitude endorsed by Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

Henry noted that Smith was one of the first to dispute McCarthyism. She was "one of two senators to open a challenge to Joe McCarthy at the height of his power," Henry said.

Although "the senior class is congenitally unhappy with the selection," Henry mentioned that "they were last year until they heard Sen. Leahy talk." Henry further stressed that the female population of the school should regard this as "a step forward." Reportedly, Smith will be the first woman commencement speaker in the history of the college.

Photo Contest

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\$20 for the best photo in each of the following categories:
Student Life — Classroom Scenes — Campus-Student Activities — Sports.

All photos to be submitted must be 5 x 7 glossy black and white with a completed submission blank attached to the back of each photo.

All photos become the property of the SMC magazine. Proper credit will be given to the photographers if and when the photo is used.

There are no restrictions on season of the year or the number of photos submitted. Pictures should not be more than 2 years old.

Members of the editorial board of the SMC magazine will judge the photos with final selection made by the editors of the magazine. If the quality of the pictures submitted for any category are judged to be insufficient then no award will be presented.

The deadline for submission is May 10, 1977. Submission blanks are available at the Alumni Office in Prevel Hall.

LONG SHOTS

by Richard M. Long '77
Sports Editor

Tuesday evening a group of interested Michaelmen met in Athletic Director Ed Markey's office to discuss the future of club football here at St. Michael's.

To say the least, unless somebody or someone gets their ass in gear, there very well may not be any football at all here at the hilltop next year.

It seems Coach Pat McKenna had taken it upon himself, with the help of Club President Mike Donahue '78, to organize a fund-raising event for the club football team. A Las Vegas night was planned, but was cancelled due to lack of organized help. Tickets were to be \$5, which covered play money, all the beer you could drink, and prizes to be auctioned off at the end of the night.

The purpose of the meeting was to "...clarify the responsibilities of the team members to reach their own objectives," Markey said, with a hint of apprehension. He outlined the responsibilities the team has to meet:

1) A lack of personnel was a major deterrent to the team's progress, either the personnel quit or were injured and replacements were few and far between.

2) Money . . . the team must raise \$10,000 to meet operating expenses for the new league they have joined. The team receives \$5,000 from the club sports budget already. The new league is the New England Club Football Conference, consisting of Providence, Assumption, Western New England, Bentley, Stonehill, Hartford, Worcester State and Lowell. Next year the Knights will play five games on the road, against the likes of the above mentioned squads (usually consisting of 40-60 players).

Markey went further to say, "Either the players get out and cooperate with Pat or they can say to hell with it. They have made the commitment to the league, not me, it's their heads on the block, not mine."

He continued, "This always happens every year. Kids come to me and say, why can't we do this and that? If the kids want something they have to be able to accept the responsibilities that go along with the activities off the field as well as on. The onus is on your backs," he said as he addressed captains Mike Kilchenstein, Paul Murphy and Underclassman Paul Brien.

He closed with, "I don't want to hear any bitching about this if next year the team has to travel in their own cars and cannot stay overnight."

At this point McKenna addressed the group. "To say I am disappointed is the understatement of the century. I have called meetings and the response has been anything but good. Without some kind of organization the St. Michael's club football team will have to continue scrimmaging the Middlebury J.V.s and Norwich J.V.s and the like.

"Without a corresponding secretary I have had to phone inquiries rather than communicate by letter. Hell, we've been polling quite the phone bill. All I hear is a lot of talk, guys keep telling me they are going to come out next year but nobody has yet to come to me asking for a weightlifting program.

"I need a roster this semester to determine the type of offense we are going to use next year. Hell, I'd like to run a wishbone but I'll be damned if I'm going to have a 135-pound quarterback run a wishbone. He'd get killed.

"We need more than one, two or three people to generate the enthusiasm needed to raise enough money to secure the future of the club football program here at St. Michael's. If the men of the football team cannot accept the responsibility to run anything now, what the hell are they going to do when they graduate and they are out in the cold, cruel world?"

He added, "The sad thing is that there are people out there who could help our program tremendously. Does the school have to wait until there's a crisis to react? To play club football there are sacrifices that have to be made."

At this point Markey interjected, "It is the guys that are not here that do all the bitching."

McKenna hopes to run the Las Vegas night, originally scheduled for March 12, with the full cooperation of the football team and the college community on the Friday of Parents' Weekend. It will be held in Alliot Hall from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Prices and prizes will be determined at a later date.

In closing, this writer would like to add his two cents to the saga of the club football team. It appears to me that save for the work of a few individuals, there is a total lack of organization in regard to the club football team. I am not blaming anyone, be it past or present officers, but I do believe that now is the time for Club President Mike Donahue to organize a group of people whose purpose would be to organize fund raising events, assist in the business aspect of the team, and help formulate a strong organized body of Michaelmen who want to see the St. Michael's club football team fulfill its fullest potential, on and off the field.

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A-D, FBN and G-E post victories in intramural action

by Sue Dickinson

On the A-league basketball courts, G-E defeated Psi 54-46. G-E's high scorers were Mark Wickles and Mike Blair with 10 points each, while Vince Sullivan of Psi scored 17 points.

A-D squeezed by TSK 63-61. Don Gagnon of A-D and Walter Lewis of TSK were high scorers with 18 points each.

FBN trampled Nu by a score of 92-62. High scorer for FBN was Craig Revilla with 28 points while Pat Dunphy of Nu earned 18 points.

Sigma defeated Joyce by a close score of 37-35. Top scorer for Sigma was Tim Salerno with 13 points and Joyce's high scorer was Steve Meleski with 12 points.

A-D defeated Sigma 76-67. A-D's top scorer was Jeff McGee with 26 points, while Sigma's high scorer was Tim Salerno with 22 points.

G-E beat TSK 58-42. High scorer for G-E was Mike Blair with 16 points and top scorer for TSK was Denis McCarthy with 14 points.

FBN defeated Omega by a

score of 75-59. Revilla again was high scorer for FBN with 22 points while Robert Mullins of Omega scored 17 points.

In B-league action, Theta barely slid by G-E 39-38. High scorer for Theta was John Lawlor with 12 points while Jay McGuinness of G-E scored 10 points.

Omega defeated Rho 50-31. Omega's top scorer was Dean Civitello with 16 points while Jim Kellogg and Mike Moulton from Rho scored seven points each.

Zeta won in overtime against Psi, 44-39. T. Broderick was Zeta's high scorer with 14 points and David Liporace of Psi had 16 points.

The Odd Balls defeated Nu 42-38. Odd Ball's high scorer was Joe Hurley with 13 points, while Bill Rayment was Nu's top scorer with 21 points.

Rho beat G-E 48-41. Rho's high scorer was Mike Slifka with 14 points and Tom Geary scored 10 points for G-E.

A-D defeated Psi 42-36. John Moran was A-D's top scorer with 15 points while Psi's Tom Miller scored 12 points.

Knights bow to Crusaders

On Saturday, the St. Michael's club lacrosse team travelled to snow-filled Worcester, Mass. to play the Crusaders of Holy Cross. The Knights lost 20-9.

Pacing St. Michael's with four goals was Michael Kilchenstein. Bob Brennan had two goals while Dave Metzger, Chris O'Brien and Coach Dave Ondrusek added one apiece.

Nothing went right for the Purple Knight's stickmen all afternoon. Injuries plus confusion as to whether the game was going to be held accounted for only 12 out of the 30 players listed on the roster showing up. Many of the 12 showed up late, forcing the Michaelmen to play with Holy Cross defenders for the first period.

The snow was also responsible for switching the site of the game from the outside stadium to inside the field house.

The Knights were inconsistent throughout the game on both offense and defense but at times during the second half, both these units sparkled. The high point of the game was Kilchenstein's stellar four-goal performance. Kilchenstein filled the net with goals almost at will when he finally got there late in the first half. The low point was sporadic defense, which on many occasions let Holy Cross attackmen walk up to the crease

and pummel the helpless netminder with shots.

This scrimmage is no indication of what St. Michael's lacrosse team can do.

All-stars lose to UVM

Last week, St. Michael's College intramural all-star team lost to the University of Vermont all-stars, 87-77.

What was disappointing was that the tournament itself was not much of a success. The other two teams who were to compete (Lyndon State and Middlebury), were unable to attend, thus the result was a one-game tournament between SMC and UVM.

The game started out slowly with the two teams combining for only 20 points with ten minutes having already gone by. Three baskets by Mike Cooney and two more by Mark Wickles started the scoring spurt for St. Michaels, while Herb Green and Kevin Myette began to pick up the slack at the other end of the court for UVM.

The first half ended with Cooney hitting a bucket at the buzzer to knot the score 37-37.

The second half tip-off was followed by a nine to one spurt which put SMC ahead 46-38. The lead was not to be held for

Omega beat Zeta 44-37. Dean Civitello of Omega scored 14 points and Chris Greenwood of Zeta scored 20 points as the game's high scorer.

Founders forfeited to Xi while Dalton forfeited to I.S.

In women's basketball, Kappa defeated Beta-Iota 29-25. Kathy Sweeten scored 12 points as Kappa's top shooter, while Kathy Nolan of Beta-Iota scored 13 points. Kappa also beat Lambda 20-18. Donna Cipolla scored eight points for Kappa and Gayle McGuinness of Lambda scored six points.

Muchi forfeited to Beta-Iota while the Hi Hos won by forfeit over Omicron and Lambda.

In poly-hockey, Nu won by default against A-D; Xi forfeited to Theta; and Omega defeated Nu 5-1.

April 19th — Women's Intramural Swim meet.

April 21st — Men's Intramural Swim Meet.

May 4th — Bike Race at the North Campus Field.

April 25th — Team handball tournament (double elimination) will start. Team lists are due April 1.

The team's first game is at St. Anselm's April 1 at 3:30 p.m. The first home scrimmage will be played the following day against Castleton at 2 p.m.

DUNKIN' DONUTS

long as Myette and Green combined for 26 second-half points to break the once-close game wide open. The final buzzer sounded with UVM on top 87-77.

Last year's Most Valuable Player Kevin Myette of UVM topped all scorers with 25 points. Cooney (SMC) and Green (UVM) tied for second place scoring honors with 18 points each. Wickles added a strong 16 points for the losing side.

Derrick Halacki and Salvatore Mauro coached the SMC all-stars, Sue Duprat and Mike Brown officiated and SMC graduate Kevin Riddick made the post-game presentations.

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